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REMARKS

Claims 6-19 are pending and under consideration.

The sole issue raised in the outstanding Office Action is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 6-15 in view of claims 1-5, 7, and 10-12 of U.S. Patent no. 6,610,419. As indicated by the Examiner, a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer may be used to overcome this rejection. A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed herewith.

At least in view of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is submitted that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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